

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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(DROSPIRENONE) MARKETING, SALES)	3:09-md-02100-DRH-PMF
PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY)	
LITIGATION)	MDL No. 2100

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ALL CASES

MINUTES OF STATUS CONFERENCE

PRESIDING: Chief Judge David R. Herndon

DATE: February 14, 2011

PLACE: East St. Louis, Illinois

COURT REPORTER: Laura Blatz

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Sandy Pannier

**APPEARING FOR PLAINTIFFS: Roger Denton, Mark Niemeyer, Michael London,
Seth Katz, Richard Meadow, Michael Burg, Diane Nast**

**APPEARING FOR DEFENDANTS: Adam Hoeflich, Doug Marvin, John Galvin,
Susan Weber, Joseph Thomas, Tim Coon**

TIME: 12:30 PM - 12:40 PM

Regarding the status of bellwether discovery - Mr. Hoeflich advises the Court that the parties continue to move forward on discovery and they are hopeful to work out any remaining issues on these cases.

Mr. Burg reports on the witness depositions update. A schedule has been tendered and they are moving forward with depositions and have a busy schedule through April and beyond. Court notes a number of depositions are scheduled and are to be scheduled and commends counsel on their work ethic.

Regarding the custodial file production, Mr. Hoeflich advises he hopes to reach agreement this week

Mr. Burg reports to the Court regarding defendants' application regarding contacts with physicians. Letter briefs have been filed by both sides. They are working to resolve this issue and issues surrounding that and are hopeful they will be able to resolve the issues but will advise the court if they are unable to. Mr. Hoeflich advises they are in discussion and are hopeful to reach an agreement soon.

Regarding the Bellwether replacement process and trial-pool selection process, counsel advises that one bellwether case will be dismissed without prejudice. Defendants will be able to choose a replacement case. Defendants are working with plaintiffs on working on a mechanism to replace cases if they are dismissed and they are working on how to exercise strikes and working with plaintiff to submit something for the Court to consider shortly.

Regarding the process for asserting privilege challenges, the parties have discussed with the Court that process and they are moving forward on this.

Mr. Hoeflich reports on the deposition protocol. The parties in MDL and State Court proceedings appreciate the effort by the Judges in putting forth deposition protocol and they hope to approach the Court within the next several days to provide the Court with something soon. The Court advises counsel it appreciates all the time the counsel has put into this effort.

Next conference date will be March 15 - Conference will be at 12:30 p.m. via usual procedure. Pre-conference will be at 11 a.m.